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In Re: Patent Application of  
Olaf Vancura

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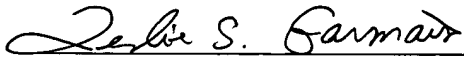
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To the Examiner,

Applicant presents the following remarks in response to the statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed March 30, 2004.

## REMARKS

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance recites:

"the prior art does not anticipate or suggest a player modifying at least one triggering symbol displayed during play of the base game in accordance with the selected at least one presented option and modifying a color of a triggering symbol in accordance with the selected at least one option." (emphasis added)

Applicant contends that the above statement is ambiguous in that it potentially leaves the erroneous impression that the claimed methods must recite both "modifying at least one triggering symbol displayed during play of the base game in accordance with the selected at least one presented option" and "modifying a color of a triggering symbol in accordance with the selected at least one option" to be patentable. This is not the case. Each of the three allowed independent claims (claims 27, 34, and 35) recites only one of the two limitations quoted above. Specifically, claims 27 and 35 recite "modifying at least one triggering symbol . . . ," and claim 34 recites "wherein said displaying comprises modifying a color . . . ."

Moreover, the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance suggests that the allowed claims are limited to having "the player" perform the recited steps. However, the allowed independent claims are not so limited.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully contends that a correct statement of the reasons for allowance would recite:

"the prior art does not anticipate or suggest either 'modifying at least one triggering symbol displayed during play of said base game in accordance with said selected at least one presented option' or 'modifying a color of a triggering symbol in accordance with the selected at least one option.'"

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to give the below-listed attorney a call. If additional fees are required, please debit our Deposit Account No. 04-1414.

Respectfully submitted,

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